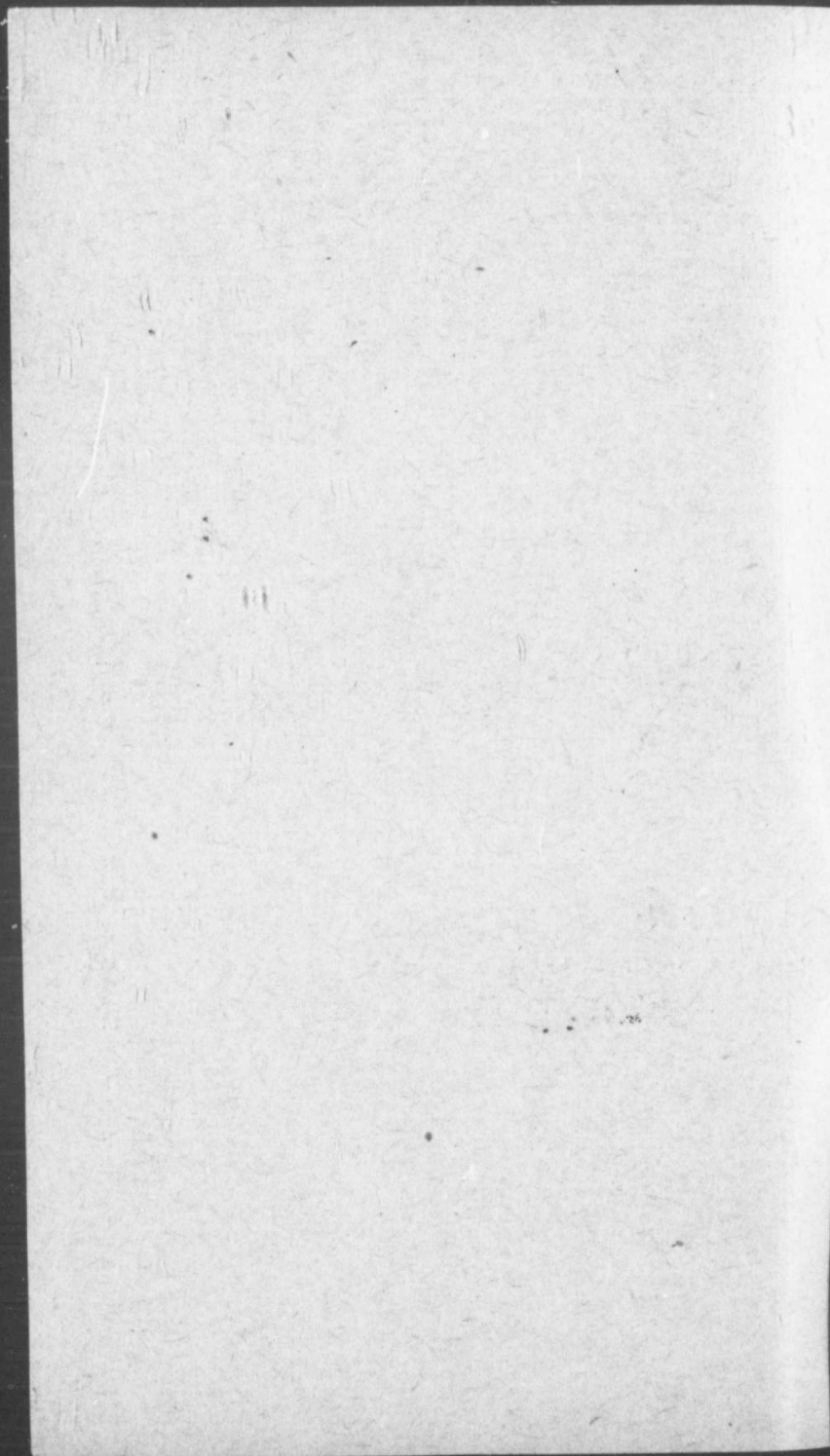


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WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT

In printing for the use of citizens these By-laws of the Stratford Water Commissioners we desire to call the attention of all consumers to the necessity for avoiding water waste, and to request them to co-operate with us by a ready and willing compliance with these rules and regulations.

Attention is called to the clauses relating to lawn sprinkling, applications for services and meters, the turning off water in case of removals, or vacancies, and the discount given for prompt payment.

W. H. TRETHERWEY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

PETER McNAB,
Superintendent.

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BY-LAWS

For the Management and Regulation of the Stratford Water Works, made by the Water Commissioners for the City of Stratford, hereinafter called the Commissioners, under the provisions and by the authority contained in the Statutes of Ontario respecting Water Works.

Whereas the said Statutes authorize the Commissioners to make such By-laws as to them shall seem requisite and necessary for the efficient maintenance of the Water Works ;

It is therefore enacted by the Commissioners that :—

1.—No person shall tap or make any attachment with the pipes of the waterworks, or make any repairs, additions to, or alterations of, any tap, or water pipes, without a permit from the Commissioners.

2.—Applications for authority to connect service or supply pipes with the distribution mains shall be in writing, signed by the owner of the premises to which a supply of water is desired, or by his authorized agent, and shall state fully the several and various services in which the water is to be used, and the name of the plumber who is to do the work. The authorization shall specify the particular uses applied for, and when thereafter any other use of water, or additional service pipe,

or plumbing fixture, or a discontinuance of any particular use, is desired, a further application as aforesaid must be made and obtained. Any plumber so designated, and to whom authority is granted, shall not be deemed the agent of the Commissioners, nor shall they be in any way liable for his acts or omissions.

The plumber shall within twenty-four hours after completing any attachment, connection or alteration, make a true return in writing, on a blank furnished by the Commissioners for the purpose, of the nature of each and every attachment, and the contemplated use of the water supplied therefrom, together with the permits issued in each particular case, properly endorsed by the said plumber, and file the same in the office of the Commissioners. Each return must be full and complete.

3.—The tapping of mains, connecting of service or supply pipes, or any alteration of, or addition to, the same, or of any plumbing fixture will not be allowed until a permit, as above provided, has been obtained; and all work shall be done under the direction of the Commissioners, or the persons designated by them, and acting under their regulations.

All tapping of mains will be done by the regular tapper in the employ of the Commissioners, and in no case will the water be shut off from the mains for the purpose of tapping, as it can be done under pressure.

The service pipe will be constructed and laid down three feet inside of street line by the Commissioners, and afterwards kept in repair at the cost of the property owner.

All water supply pipes in the ground must be laid to a depth of not less than four feet six inches, and when passing through or within two feet of a

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vault, drop, or void of any kind, must be encased in a wooden box, or otherwise fully protected from frost.

No surface pipe shall be laid in any trench in which a tile or other drain is being or shall have recently been laid, but it shall be laid in a trench dug to receive the service pipe only, and a distance of at least three feet shall separate the trench in which the service pipe is laid from any trench made for draining or other purposes, unless the Superintendent permits, in writing, the same to be otherwise laid.

Curb boxes and stop cocks shall be located where required by the Superintendent, and must not be set in any exposed place where there is any ordinary liability of their being broken, and in no case shall they be placed in wagon track or driveway leading into any lot or premises.

4.—All work performed and all material and fixtures furnished shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioners, or their Superintendent, and any work, material, fixtures upon or connections with the water works that shall be disapproved by them, shall be removed at the expense of the owner and made to conform to the requirements of the Commissioners.

5.—No plumber, or employee of the Commissioners, shall be allowed to make any attachment to, or alteration in any pipe by which water is supplied to consumers, or to open the street for the introduction of service pipe, without a written permit is issued by the Commissioners.

Whenever any street or public ground shall be opened for the purpose of making a connection or for laying any water pipe or fixtures, it shall be restored to its original condition as soon as possible; also, whenever a trench is opened, bridges for the

convenience and safety of the public shall be provided, and if left open at night, it shall be guarded with barricades, and lights shall be displayed to warn and protect the public.

6.—No person shall be allowed, without having first obtained a permit from the Commissioners to open or shut off the street stop, or turn-cock connected with the service supplying any premises or buildings unless in cases of urgent necessity to prevent loss or damage from flooding, or when a plumber requires to do so in order to make necessary repairs, or to test his work, and in every such case he shall leave the stop-cock as he found it ; and any person who shall commit any damage or injury to any stop-cock shall be liable for the cost of such damage.

7.—The Commissioners reserve the right at any time, at their discretion, to refuse a permit to any particular plumber or firm of plumbers.

8.—All persons taking water must keep their service pipe, and all fixtures connected therewith, well protected from frost at their own expense, and also keep in good repair, or replace by a new one when necessary, the compression cock.

9.—Not without special permission shall one connection be used to supply more than one tenement, shop, store, dwelling or building, and there shall be a branch with an independent stop-cock for each.

10.—The turn or stop-cocks located under civic roads, sidewalks, or boulevards, are the property of the Commissioners, and any person tampering with them will be prosecuted.

11.—The expense of introducing the water into the ground or basement flats of houses, stores, offices or buildings, will be borne by the Commis-

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sioners, and the work performed by them, provided such buildings are not more than three feet from street line ; but the expense of the distribution of water through such houses, stores, offices, buildings or parts of buildings, shall be borne by the proprietors, tenants or occupants.

No premises shall be entitled to more than one free service, and in no case will the Commissioners carry any service pipe more than three feet from the street line at their cost.

12.—If a service pipe of a larger size than three quarter inch inside diameter be desired from the main pipe to the line of street, the party shall make special application for such extra large service pipe and if granted shall pay the additional cost thereof to the Commissioners before the water shall be turned into such premises.

13.—The Commissioners, or their Superintendent, shall in every case determine the size and number of pipes to be used in supplying any premises, and the position in the street in which the pipes shall be laid.

14.—Any person authorized by the Commissioners for that purpose, shall have free access at ordinary and proper hours of each working day to all parts of every building or premises in which water is delivered and consumed. for the purpose of inspecting, or for placing and repairing meters upon any service pipe, or of making connection within or without any house or building as they may deem useful or expedient.

15.—It shall be lawful for the Commissioners to use meters, and to refuse to supply water to any person or premises otherwise than by meter. No private meter shall be used unless it is approved by the Commissioners. Every owner, tenant or occu-

pant shall give every reasonable facility for the introduction, protection and inspection of meters.

Whenever any person refuses to pay for water as registered by the meter, it is lawful for the Commissioners at once to cut off that supply, and to collect payment for the water supplied.

16.—No out door connections shall be made between the first day of the months of December and April, unless recommended by the Superintendent, and approved by the Commissioners.

17.—No one shall open any hydrant or fire plug, or draw water therefrom except the Commissioners and persons under their direction or with their permission. The Chief of the Fire Department, his assistants and officers and members of said Department are authorized to use the hydrants and plugs for the purpose of extinguishing fire, or making trials of the hose of the Department, for fire practice, or at the request of the Fire Insurance Underwriters' Inspector, but all such uses shall be under the direction and supervision of the Chief or his assistants, and in no event will an inexperienced or incompetent person be permitted to manipulate or control in any way any hydrant, plug, main, valve or fixture.

This clause covers private fire hydrants and sprinkler services.

18.—No person or persons except the Commissioners or those they authorize shall open or close any valve or gate in the distribution mains, or molest or interfere with them in any manner.

19.—No person shall obstruct the free access to any hydrant or stop-cock, by placing on or close to it building material, rubbish or other obstructive matter.

20.—No extension of main shall be made unless

the estimated annual revenue to be derived from consumers on such new water pipes shall amount to ten per cent. of the cost of such extension ; unless it appears to the Commissioners that some special circumstances exist which render it advisable to make the exception, which cause shall be recorded in their minutes.

21.—Parties signing petitions for extension of mains do thereby agree to become consumers of water, and when such mains are extended may be compelled to pay the usual schedule or flat rates for water whether actual consumers or not.

This applies to metered as well as to flat rate users.

22.—Taps, cocks and valves at sinks, wash basins, closets, baths, urinals, etc., must be kept closed when not in actual use, and not allowed to leak.

All wilful waste of water, or waste through neglect of servants or agents, or by fixtures out of order, or allowing water to be taken from premises by persons having no right to its use, will be a sufficient cause for stopping, without notice, the supply to any premises.

Faucets, taps, hose, water closets, urinals, baths or other fixtures, will not be permitted to run when not in use.

Where water for kitchen use is supplied through a single tap or faucet, no hose connection will be permitted.

23.—All persons shall keep their service pipes, stop-cocks and other fixtures on their own premises and from the line of the street, in good order and repair, and protected from frost at their own risk and expense. And when a house is vacated the stop or compression cock on the inside of the

wall of the building shall be turned off by the owner.

The cost of repairing damages to either the property of the Commissioners or the building that may result from neglect in this matter, to be paid by the house owner.

24.—Sprinkling the streets through hose by private consumers is forbidden, unless permission is first obtained, and none shall be allowed to sprinkle or use in any manner whatsoever the water supplied upon lawns, gardens, grass plots, boulevards or grounds of any description except between the hours of six and nine o'clock in the forenoon, and five and nine o'clock in the afternoon. This time limitation shall not, under ordinary conditions, apply to meter users.

25.—The Commissioners reserve the right to limit or stop the supply of water to all for use in fountains or jets, garden hose, or lawn sprinklers, or to limit the hours for all ordinary use, whenever in their discretion public interest requires this limitation.

26.—All leaks in service pipes in and upon all premises supplied with water must be promptly repaired by the owner or occupant, and, on failure to make such repairs with reasonable despatch, the Commissioners may turn off the water from the premises until necessary repairs are made.

27.—When a person desires the use of a hydrant to flush a private sewer, he shall apply at the office of the Commissioners for a permit, for which he shall at the time pay the Commissioners two dollars and fifty cents. He shall then take this permit to the City Engineer who will detail a competent person to turn on the hydrant and flush the sewer.

The City Engineer will see that a nozzle not less than one inch, nor more than one and one-half inch

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in diameter is used, and that the hydrant is not turned on for a longer period than one hour.

Should the flushing require a longer period than one hour, the party having the permit shall pay the Commissioners a further sum of one dollar for every additional hour or fraction of hour.

28.—It shall be the duty of all consumers to shut off their use of water when an alarm of fire is given and not to turn it on again until the fire is extinguished, and it is strictly forbidden to make any free use of water for any purpose during the continuance of a fire, except for the supply of steam boilers.

29.—Any person or persons about vacating any premises supplied with water, or who are desirous of discontinuing their use thereof must give due notice of the same at the office of the Commissioners, otherwise they will be held liable for the payment of the usual rates.

30.—The Commissioners may shut off the water from the premises of any person not complying with these rules, and in cases where the water has been shut off for allowing waste or leaks, or defects in pipes or cocks, they may refuse to turn it on again until receiving satisfactory evidence that the necessary repairs have been properly made: and such persons cut off shall pay the sum of one dollar for the expense of turning off and turning on the water.

31.—The rates or rents to be charged for the supply of water within the limits of this city, shall be those set forth in the schedule hereto annexed, and which said schedule is hereby made a part of this By-law.

All schedule rates, except meter rates, shall be paid quarterly in advance at the office of the Com-

missioners, that is to say, on the first day of January, April, July and October. A discount of twenty per cent. shall be allowed on all schedule rates paid within the first twenty days of the month in which they become due, or ten per cent. if paid within the following ten days.

Meter rates shall be paid quarterly, and a discount of fifteen per cent. shall be allowed thereon if paid within twenty days of the month in which they become due, or five per cent. if paid within the following ten days; nevertheless the Commissioners reserve the right to collect water rates in advance or obtain satisfactory security therefor, read meters whenever they see fit, render bills for water consumed, and such bills shall be due when rendered.

No application for a supply of water will be received or permit issued to any person who is in arrear for any water rate or rent in respect of the same or any other premises.

In no case will a service be laid for a less sum or annual rental than five dollars net. The consumer will in all cases be required to pay the sum of five dollars at the time of making application, and this amount will be carried to the credit of the said consumer's rate.

The Commissioners may from time to time, as to them shall seem requisite and necessary, make any changes or alterations in the rates, rents or charges provided in the schedule attached hereto; and such changes may be made by resolution duly recorded in the minutes.

And such changes as have already been made to the said rates, rents or charges by resolution, are hereby confirmed.

32.—In case of non-payment of rates or rents for thirty days after the expiration of the day upon

which the same shall have become due or payable, the Commissioners may cut off the supply of water from any house, store, office, building or part of building upon which the said rate or rent shall be due, and the water will not again be let on except upon payment of all arrears, and one dollar also in addition to cover the cost of turning the water off and on.

33.—The Commissioners in addition have power to distrain for the said water rate or rent upon the goods and chattels of the person or persons who ought to pay the same, or upon any goods and chattels in his, her, or their possession, wherever the same may be found, in the municipality.

34.—Parties requiring water for building purposes shall make application in writing to the commissioners, accompanied by a certificate specifying the number of bricks, cords of stone and yards of plastering and concrete for which it is required, and pay rates in advance upon such quantities. If more materials are used, the applicant shall pay any additional charges at the completion of the work. The Commissioners may, at their discretion, require this quantity statement to be verified by a statutory declaration, except when the water is delivered through a meter.

The minimum rate for this service is five dollars for the whole, or, for the foundation and walls separate from the plastering, four dollars.

35.—Water for fire fighting is free; but the original expense, and the cost of up-keep of all mains and equipment required for private fire service, will be borne by the applicant or owner, the work and material used being subject to the approval of the Commissioners.

Under ordinary conditions any water used will flow through a by-pass or side pipe carrying a meter of full size, the flow through the straight pipe

being cut off by a valve wire sealed by the Commissioners.

After a fire has started, and it is desired to give a freer flow, this sealing wire may be broken, and the straight-way valve opened. After the fire is put out, it is the owner's duty to notify the Commissioners, so that the straight-way valve be reclosed and resealed. If this notification is neglected by the owner, he is liable to pay for all the water that could have flowed past since the Commissioners made their last sealing inspection.

36.—Any person being tenant, occupant or inmate of any house; building or other place supplied with water by the Commissioners, either on flat rates or meter rates, who lets, sells or disposes of the water thereof, who gives it away, or permits it to be taken or carried away, or who uses or applies it to the use or benefit of others, or to any other than his, her or their own use or benefit, or who increases the supply of water agreed for with the Commissioners, or who wastes the water, shall on conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the City of Stratford, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$20.00 and costs, or to imprisonment in the first instance for any term not exceeding one month in the discretion of the convicting Justice.

37.—Any person guilty of a breach of any of the provisions of these By-laws, save and except the last preceding clause, and such provisions therein as are of a character in respect of which the Commissioners cannot in law impose any penalty, shall upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the City of Stratford, forfeit and pay at the discretion of such Justice of the Peace, a penalty not exceeding the sum of \$20.00 and costs or in the discretion of the said Justice of the Peace such offender may be imprisoned for any term not exceeding one month.

EXTRACTS FROM "THE MUNICIPAL
WATERWORKS ACT."

(Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 235, Section 34.)

PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES.

If any person does or commits any of the following acts :

1.—Wilfully or maliciously hinders or interrupts, or causes or procures to be hindered or interrupted the said corporation, or their managers, contractors, servants, agents, workmen, or any of them in the exercise of any of the powers and authorities in this Act authorized and contained;

2.—Wilfully or maliciously lets off or discharges water, so that the same runs waste or useless, out of the works ;

3.—Not being in the employment of the Corporation, and not being a member of the Fire Brigade and duly authorized in that behalf, wilfully opens or closes any hydrant, or obstructs the free access to any hydrant, stop-cock, chamber, pipe, or hydrant chamber, by placing on it any building material, rubbish or other obstruction.

4.—Throws or deposits any injurious, noisome or offensive matter into the water or waterworks, or upon the ice, in case such water is frozen, or in any way fouls the water or commits any wilful damage or injury to the works, pipes or water, or encourages the same to be done ;

5.—Wilfully alters any meter of the waterworks placed upon any service pipe or connected therewith, within or without any house, building

or other place, so as to lessen or alter the amount of water registered thereby, unless specially authorized by the Corporation for that particular purpose and occasion ;

6.—Lays or causes to be laid any pipe or main to communicate with any pipe or main of the water works, or in any way obtains or uses any water thereof without the consent of the Corporation.

7.—Washes or cleanses cloth, wool, leather, skins of animals, or places any nuisance or offensive thing within the distance of one mile in the case of a village or town, or within the distance of three miles in the case of a city, from the source of supply for such water works, in any river, pond, creek, spring, source or fountain from which the water of the waterworks is obtained, or conveys, casts, throws or puts any filth, dirt, dead carcase or other noisome or offensive thing therein, or within the distance as above set forth, or causes, permits, or suffers the water of any sink, sewer or drain to run or be conveyed into the same or causes any other thing to be done whereby the water therein may be in any way tainted or fouled, and if such person is convicted of such act before a Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the locality within which the offence is committed, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding \$20.00 or less than \$1.00 together with the costs and charges attending the proceedings and conviction, or such offender may be imprisoned in the first instance for any term not exceeding thirty days. R. S. O. 1887, c. 192, s. 33.

SCHEDULE OF FLAT RATES

PRIVATE DWELLING HOUSES

ROOMS

PERSONS	ROOMS											
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
3	5 00	5 50	6 00	6 50	6 90	7 30	7 70	8 00	8 30	8 60		
4	5 50	6 00	6 50	7 00	7 40	7 80	8 20	8 50	8 80	9 10		
5	6 00	6 50	7 00	7 50	7 90	8 30	8 70	9 00	9 30	9 60		
6	6 50	7 00	7 50	8 00	8 40	8 80	9 20	9 50	9 80	10 10		
7	6 90	7 40	7 90	8 40	8 80	9 20	9 60	9 90	10 20	10 50		
8	7 30	7 80	8 30	8 80	9 20	9 60	10 00	10 30	10 60	10 90		
9	7 70	8 20	8 70	9 20	9 60	10 00	10 40	10 70	11 00	11 30		
10	8 00	8 50	9 00	9 50	9 90	10 30	10 70	11 00	11 30	11 60		
11	8 30	8 80	9 30	9 80	10 20	10 60	11 00	11 30	11 60	11 90		
12	8 60	9 10	9 60	10 10	10 50	10 90	11 30	11 60	11 90	12 20		

ADDITIONAL

Each additional person and each additional room in proportion	
Baths in private dwellings other than swim- ming or plunge	\$ 4 00
Each additional bath	2 00
Baths in hotels and boarding houses, each bath	8 00
Baths in bathing houses or barber shops each bath	10 00
Boarding houses 10 per cent. in addition to private dwelling rate, and average num- ber of boarders to regulate	

Bakeries, average daily use per each barrel of flour	3 00
(No bakery less than \$15.00 net)	
Blacksmith shops, one fire	5 00
Each additional fire	2 00
Barber Shops, for three chairs and under.....	5 00
Each additional chair	2 00
Building purposes, per M bricks (including wetting) ..	12½
Plastering per 100 square yards	25
Stone, per cord	12½
Per square yd. cement for walks or floors.	2½
Per cubic yard of concrete.....	8
A reasonable charge will be made for laying supply pipes for building purposes	
Bottling beer or including turbine brush for cleaning	20 00
Billiard Saloon, one table	\$8 00
Each additional table.....	2 00
Butcher stalls and meat shops.....	6 00
Cow houses, per cow.....	1 00
Colleges, per bed	1 50
Churches	5 00 to 10 00
Eating Houses	\$15 00 to 20 00
Fish stalls	6 00
Fountains on counters, etc.. ..	7 0
In gardens, 1-16 inch jet, 8 hours per day.	10 00
Each additional 1-16 in. or fraction thereof	7 50
Garden, season from April 15th to October 15, and at half lawn rates.....	*
Greenhouses, double lawn rates	
Hotels, of not more than 14 rooms, per room..	1 50
Each additional room	1 00
Bar-rooms in addition	10,00 to 20 00
Lawn rates, season from April 15th to October 15th	
2,000 square feet and under, per season....	4 00
Above 2,000 and under 4,000	5 00
Above 4,000 and under 6,000.....	5 50
Every additional 1,000 sq. feet or part thereof	25
Offices, medical, dental and the like... ..	10 00

Offices, law, architect surveyor and the like..	5 00
Organs per meter or estimate	
Printing establishments -	
Weekly issue	10 00
Daily issue.....	25 00
Motive power in addition and by estimate	
Photograph galleries..	15 00 to 20 00
Schools (day) as per attendance, 7 50 per 100 scholars	
Saloons	15.00 to 25 00
Stables, livery, per each stall, including washing vehicles	2 50
Stables, hotels, per each stall, including washing vehicles	1 00
Stables, private, per 2 horses, including washing vehicles	2 00
Each additional horse	1 00
Stationary wash tubs, first tub.....	4 00
Each additional.....	2 00
Stores, dry goods, hardware, book, jeweller, flour and feed, boots and shoes... ..	8 00
Stores, grocery, drug, pork, confections	10 00
These rates to include street sprinkling and window washing, according to rules	
Soda fountains.....	\$6 to 10 00
Steam engines, 10 hours per day.	
20 horse power and under, per horse.....	4 00
Each additional horse power.....	2 50
For over ten hours per day, per agreement.	
Boilers for heating purposes in private dwellings, no extra charge if for hot water and if steam, no extra charge if condensed steam returns to boiler	
Street sprinkling 2c. per foot frontage	
Tenement each family private dwelling, or per agreement	
Troughs for cattle, each	6 00
Urinals in private dwellings, self closing ...	4 00
Each additional.....	3 00
Hotels and boarding houses, selfclosing..	6 00
Every other description double.	

Water closet, in private dwellings, pan.....	3 50
Each additional	1 75
Private hopper	20 00
Hotels and boarding houses, pan.....	6 50
" " " hopper	20 00

When a water closet only is used in a house occupied by not more than four people, the rate is six dollars a year net, and fifty cents for each additional inmate.

All other rates not enumerated to be estimated for, or obtained by meter.

Meters furnished by consumers must be of such make as the Commissioners shall approve. For meters furnished by the Commissioners and used in other than domestic service a yearly rent will be charged.

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SCHEDULE OF METER RATES

		700 cubic feet per quarter 42c. per 100 cubic feet			
800	"	"	38c.	"	"
900	"	"	34c.	"	"
1,000	"	"	32c.	"	"
1,100	"	"	30c.	"	"
1,200	"	"	28c.	"	"
1,300	"	"	27c.	"	"
1,400	"	"	26c.	"	"
1,500	"	"	25c.	"	"
1,700	"	"	24c.	"	"
2,000	"	"	22c.	"	"
2,500	"	"	20c.	"	"
3,000	"	"	18c.	"	"
3,500	"	"	16c.	"	"
5,000	"	"	15c.	"	"
8,000	"	"	14c.	"	"
11,000	"	"	13½c.	"	"
14,000	"	"	13c.	"	"
18,000	"	"	12½c.	"	"
24,000	"	"	11½c.	"	"
30,000	"	"	9½c.	"	"
38,000	"	"	8c.	"	"
45,000	"	"	7¼c.	"	"
55,000	"	"	6½c.	"	"
75,000	"	"	6c.	"	"

MINIMUM RATE

When	5-8 in. to 1 in. Meter is used,	\$1.50	per quarter
"	1 in. to 1½ in.	"	" 3.75
"	1½ in. to 2 in.	"	" 5.00
Over	2 in.....	6.25	"

METER RENTS

The quarterly rental for meters is as follows :—

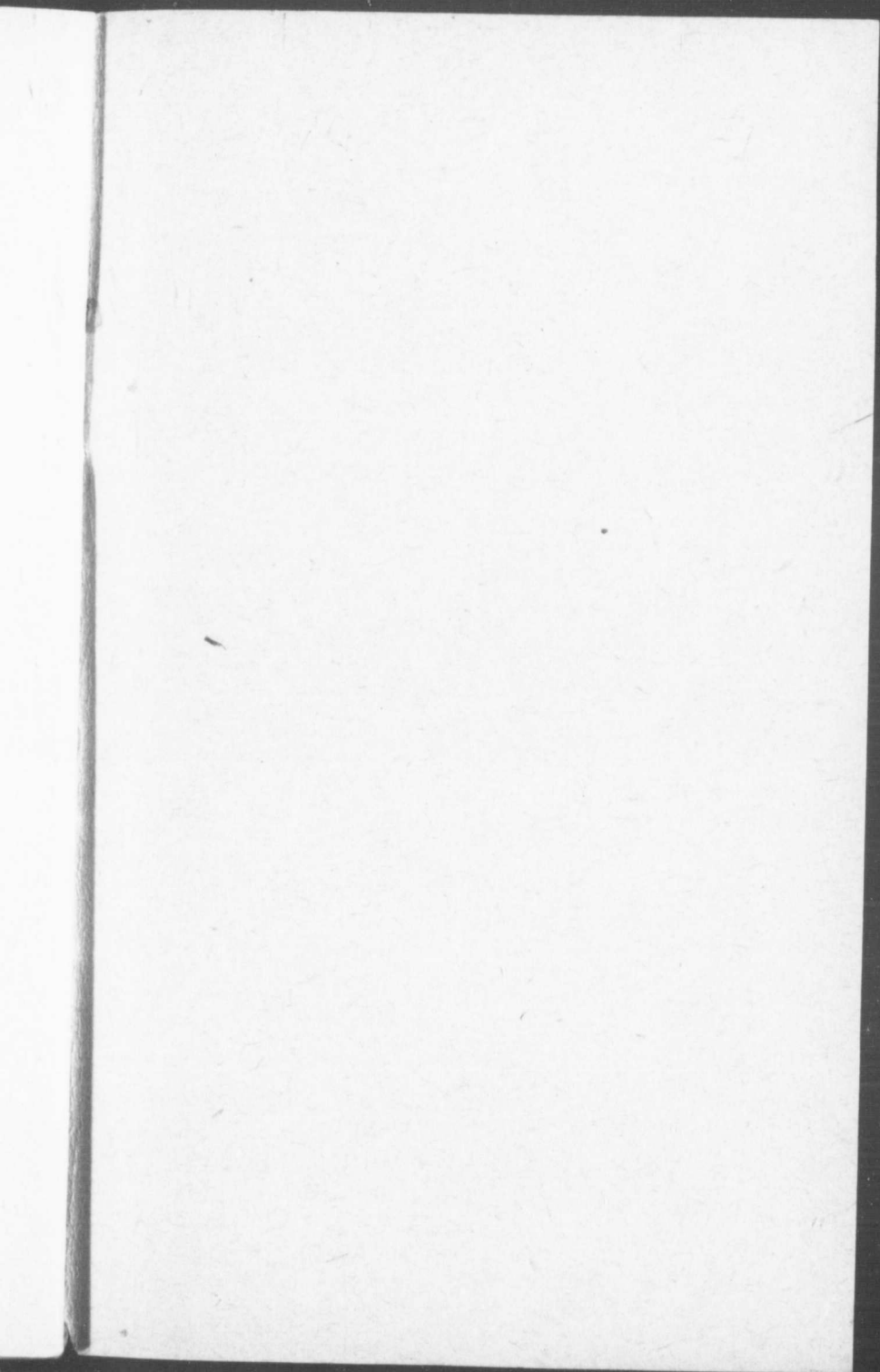
5-8 inch.....	\$.50 per quarter	
3-4 inch.....	.75	“
1 inch.....	1.00	“
1½ inch.....	1.25	“
2 inch.....	2.00	“
3 inch.....	3.75	“
4 inch.....	6.25	“

Rent of larger sized meters to be learned at office.

No discounts off meter rents.

Consumers to protect meter from frost and other damage.







WATER COMMISSIONERS

1912

J. DAVIS BARNETT, M. C. S. C. E. Chairman

C. McILHARGEY

JOHN BROWN, Mayor

